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## B. 1 301-10 PROVISION FOR PRICING AND PAYMENT (ALTERNATE I) (AUGUST 1985)

The total fixed price of this contract is (To be filled out at time of award) . Payment of that amount shall be made in accordance with the incorporated General Provision entitled "Payments" or "Payments under Fixed-Price Research and Development Contracts," whichever is applicable, and with any other supplementary payment scheme which may be otherwise negotiated and specified.

- B. 2 301-22a CONTRACT DEFINITION (APRIL 1997)
- (a) This is a Firm Fixed-Price contract, as defined under Subpart(s) 16.202 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

# SECTION C DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

## C. 1 SCOPE OF WORK

The contractor shall furnish all personnel, materials, services, and facilities necessary to perform the requirements set forth in the Statement of Objectives, which shall be replaced by the Performance Work Statement at time of award (See Attachment A). This shall also be done in accordance with the specified General and Special Provisions and the contractor's final technical proposal, which are hereby incorporated by reference as a part of the contract.

# SECTION D PACKAGING AND MARKING

- D. 1 303-1 SHIPMENT AND MARKING (MARCH 1986)
- (a) The contract number shall be placed on or adjacent to all exterior mailing or shipping labels of deliverable items called for by the contract. (b) Ship deliverable items to: (To be filled in at time of award) (c) Mark deliverables for: (To be filled in at time of award)

# SECTION E INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

## E. 1 304-1a INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE (APRIL 1984)

Pursuant to the inspection clause, Section I, final inspection and acceptance of all contracted items shall be made by the Contracting Officer. Inspection and acceptance will be performed at: (To be filled in at time of award)

# SECTION F DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE

## F. 1 305-5 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE (MARCH 1986)

Performance hereunder shall be completed within 6 months of the date of contract award, inclusive of all specified deliveries and/or task work.

## F. 2 305-6 DELIVERABLES (MARCH 1986)

All deliverables shall be submitted in accordance with the kinds, quantities and dates indicated in the attached Statement of Work.

# SECTION G CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

- G. 1 306-la INVOICE AND CONTRACT FINANCING REQUESTS SUBMISSION (ALTERNATE I) (JAN 2007)
- (A) Payments shall be rendered in accordance with the payments clause(s) of the incorporated contract clause section and with those otherwise specified rated or fixed price amounts. (B) The contractor shall submit invoices electronically as an attachment to a message to OCFOCAMINVOICING@ED.GOV. The subject area of the message shall contain the invoice number, contract number, and contract specialist's name. The electronic copy of the invoice shall be in a format that is supported by Microsoft Office (Microsoft Word or Excel), or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). (To be filled in at time of award)
- G. 2 306-5 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) (FEB 2006)
- (a) The Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) is responsible for the technical aspects of the project, technical liaison with the Contractor, and any other responsibilities that are specified in the contract. These responsibilities include inspecting all deliverables, including reports, and recommending acceptance or rejection to the Contracting Officer. (b) The COR is not authorized to make any commitments or otherwise obligate the Government or authorize any changes which affect the contract price, terms or conditions. Any contractor requests for changes shall be submitted in writing directly to the Contracting Officer or through the COR. No such changes shall be made without the written authorization of the Contracting Officer. (c) The COR's name and address: (To be completed at time of award)

  The COR may be changed by the Government at any time, but notification of the change, including the name and address of the successor COR, will be provided to the Contractor by the Contracting Officer in writing.
- G. 3 306-8 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR (FEB 1985)

The Contractor shall designate one individual to be contacted during the period of the contract for prompt contract administration. (To be completed at time of award)

# SECTION H SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

#### H. 1 307-13 DEPARTMENT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS (JUNE 2006)

The Contractor and its subcontractors shall comply with Department Security policy requirements as set forth in:

A. The Statement of Work of this contract;

B. The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579, U.S.C. 552a);

C. The U.S. Department of Education Handbook for Information 93-579, U.S.C. 552a); C. The U.S. Department of Education Handbook for Information
Assurance Security Policy, OCIO-01 (March 2006); and D. The U.S. Department of Education
Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Security Screenings." The Contractor may request copies of the above referenced documents by contacting the Contract Specialist via phone at 202-245-6188 or via e-mail at gabriella.mcdonald@ed.gov . Contractor employee positions required under this contract and their designated risk levels: High Risk (HR): Moderate Risk (MR): Senior Level Management (e.g. Project Manager) Low Risk (LR): All other labor categories. All contractor employees must undergo personnel security screening if they will be employed for thirty (30) days or more, in accordance with Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Screenings." The type of screening and the timing of the screening will depend upon the nature of the contractor position, the type of data to be accessed, and the type of information technology (IT) system access required. Personnel security screenings will be commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm the individual could cause. The contractor shall: that all non-U.S. citizen contractor employees are lawful permanent residents of the United authorization documents as required by the Department of States or have appropriate work Security, Bureau of Immigration and Appeals, to work in the United Homeland - Ensure that no employees are assigned to High Risk designated positions prior to a completed preliminary screening. - Submit all required personnel security forms to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) within 24 hours of an assignment to a Department contract and ensure that the forms are complete. - Ensure that no contractor employee is placed in a higher position than that for which he or she was previously approved, without the approval of the Contracting Officer or his or her representative, the Department Personnel Security Computer Security Officer. Officer, and the - Ensure that all contractor employees occupying High Risk designated positions submit forms for reinvestigation every five (5) years the duration of the contract or if there is a break in service to a Department contract of 365 days or more. - Report to the COR all instances of individuals seeking to obtain unauthorized access to any departmental IT system, or sensitive but unclassified and/or Privacy Act protected information. - Report to the COR any information that raises an issue as to whether a contractor employee's eligibility for continued employment or access to Department IT systems, and/or Privacy Act protected information, promotes the efficiency or sensitive but unclassified the service or violates the public trust. - Withdraw from consideration under the receiving an unfavorable adjudication determination. contract any employee - Officially notify each contractor employee if he or she will no longer work on a Department contract. - Abide by the requirements in Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Screenings." Further information including definitions of terms used in this clause and a list of required investigative forms for each risk designation are contained in Departmental Directive OM:5-101, "Contractor Employee Personnel Screenings." Failure to comply with the contractor personnel security requirements may result in a termination of the contract for default.

## H. 2 307-15 WITHHOLDING OF CONTRACT PAYMENTS - SECURITY (JUN 2006)

Notwithstanding any other payment provisions of this contract, failure of the contractor to submit required forms, responses or reports when due; failure to perform or deliver required work, supplies, or services; or, failure to meet any of the requirements of the contract, to include all requirements as specified in Clause 307-13 Department Security Requirements, will result in the withholding of payments under this contract in such amounts as the contracting officer deems appropriate, unless the failure arises out of causes beyond the control, and without the fault of negligence, of the contractor, as defined by the clause entitled "Excusable Delays or Default", as applicable. The Government shall promptly notify the contractor of its intention to withhold payment of any invoice or voucher submitted. Payment will be withheld until the failure is cured, a new delivery schedule is agreed upon, or payment is made as part of a termination settlement.

### H. 3 307-17 CONFLICT OF INTEREST (AUG 2007)

- (A) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, has certified that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational or personal conflict of interest, (see FAR Subpart 9.5 for organizational conflicts of interest), (or apparent conflict of interest) for the organization or any of its staff, and that the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has disclosed all such relevant information if such a conflict of interest appears to exist to a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts (or if such a person would question the impartiality of the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant). Conflicts may arise in the following situations:
- 1. Unequal access to information a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has access to non-public information through its performance on a government contract.
- 2. Biased ground rules a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has worked, in one government contract, or program, on the basic structure or ground rules of another government contract.

- 3. Impaired objectivity a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, or member of their immediate family (spouse, parent or child) has financial or other interests that would impair, or give the appearance of impairing, impartial judgment in the evaluation of government programs, in offering advice or recommendations to the government, or in providing technical assistance or other services to recipients of Federal funds as part of its contractual responsibility.

  "Impaired objectivity" includes but is not limited to the following situations that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question a person's objectivity:

   financial interests or reasonably foreseeable financial interests in or in connection with products, property, or services that may be purchased by an educational agency, a person, organization, or institution in the course of implementing any program administered by the Department;

   significant connections to teaching methodologies that might require or encourage the use of specific products, property or services; or

   significant identification with pedagogical or philosophical viewpoints that might require or encourage the use of a specific curriculum, specific products, property or services.

  Offerors must provide the disclosure described above on any actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) of interest regardless of their opinion that such a conflict or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) is disclosed, the
- conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) would not impair their objectivity. In a case in which an actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) is disclosed, the Department will take appropriate actions to eliminate or address the actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest), including but not limited to mitigating or neutralizing the conflict, when appropriate, through such means as ensuring a balance of views, disclosure with the appropriate disclaimers, or by restricting or modifying the work to be performed to avoid or reduce the conflict. In this clause, the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest. (B) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees that if "impaired objectivity", or an actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) is discovered after the award is made, it will make a full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer. This disclosure shall include a description of actions that the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Contracting Officer, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest).
- (C) Remedies The Government may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. If the Contractor was aware of a potential conflict of interest prior to award or discovered an actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) after award and did not disclose or misrepresented relevant information to the Contracting Officer, the Government may terminate the contract for default, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by law or this contract. These remedies include imprisonment for up to five years for violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1001 and fines of up to \$5000 for violation of Title 31, U.S. Code, Section 3802. Further remedies include suspension or debarment from contracting with the federal government. The Contractor may also be required to reimburse the Department for costs the Department incurs arising from activities related to conflicts of interest. An example of such costs would be those incurred in processing Freedom of Information Act requests related to a conflict of interest.
- $(\tilde{\text{D}})$  In cases where remedies short of termination have been applied, the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees to eliminate the organizational conflict of interest, or mitigate it to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer.
- (E) The Contractor further agrees to insert in any subcontract or consultant agreement hereunder, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including specific mention of potential remedies and this paragraph (E).

### H. 4 307-19 REDACTED PROPOSALS (DECEMBER 1998)

The contractor shall provide a redacted copy of its successful technical proposal to the Contracting Officer within five (5) days after contract award. The redacted proposal shall be suitable for release by the Government under a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. The redacted proposal shall be submitted in an electronic format that is readable by Microsoft Office applications.

### H. 5 52.217-8 OPTION TO EXTEND SERVICES (NOV 1999)

The Government may require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. These rates may be adjusted only as a result of revisions to prevailing labor rates provided by the Secretary of Labor. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance hereunder shall not exceed 6 months. The Contracting Officer may exercise the option by written notice to the Contractor within 30 days.

(End of Clause)

### H. 6 307-34 RECOVERY ACT REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR PRIME CONTRACTORS (FEB 2009)

The contractor shall report, as required by Section 1512 of the Recovery Act and OMB Memorandum M-09-10, the following information to the Department of Education 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, starting on July 10, 2009 to both the CO and COR:

(1) The total amount of recovery funds received from the Department of Education;

- (2) The amount of recovery funds received that were obligated and expended to projects or activities. This reporting will also included unobligated Allotment balances to facilitate reconciliations.
- (3) A detailed list of all projects or activities for which recovery funds were obligated and expended, including--
- (A) The name of the project or activity;
- (B) A description of the project or activity;
- (C) An evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity;
- (D) An estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity; and
- (4) Detailed information on any subcontracts awarded by the contractor to include the data elements required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-282), allowing aggregate reporting on awards below \$25,000 or to individuals, as prescribed by the Director of OMB.
- H. 7 3403-1 SELF REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS RECOVERY ACT (FEB 2009)

The contractor and subcontractor shall promptly refer to an appropriate inspector general any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, sub-grantee or subcontractor has committed a violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 U.S.C. or a violation of the civil False Claims Act(31 U.S.C. 3729-3733).

#### H. 8 Additional Conflict of Interest Information

The prospective contractor and any of its entities receiving an award as a result of this solicitation with the Department of Education shall not contract with any recipients of Recovery Act Funds.

## SECTION I CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS--COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FEB 2009) (a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause, which is incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items: (1) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Feb 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)). Alternate I (Aug 2007) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C.7104(g)). (2) 52.233-3, Protest after Award (Aug 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).
(3) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (Oct 2004) (Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78). (b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items: X (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (Sep 2006), with Alternate I (Oct 1995)(41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402). (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Dec 2008) (Pub. L. 110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 (41 U.S.C. 251 note)). (15 U.S.C. 657a). (3) 52.219-3, Notice of Total HUBZone Set-Aside (Jan 1999) (15 U.S.C. 657a). (4) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (July 2005) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer) (15 U.S.C. 657a). (5) [Reserved] (6) (i) 52.219-6, Notice of Total Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644). (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of 52.219-6. (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-6. (7)(i) 52.219-7, Notice of Partial Small Business Set-Aside (June 2003) (15 U.S.C. 644). (ii) Alternate I (Oct 1995) of 52.219-7. (iii) Alternate II (Mar 2004) of 52.219-7. X (8) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (May 2004) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)). (9)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Apr 2008) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4). (ii) Alternate I (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9. (iii) Alternate II (Oct 2001) of 52.219-9. (10) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (Dec 1996) (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)). (11) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages--Subcontracting Plan (Jan 1999) (15 U.s.c. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).(12)(i) 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (Oct 2008) (10 U.S.C. 2323) (if the offeror elects to waive the adjustment, it shall so indicate in its offer). (ii) Alternate I (June 2003) of 52.219-23. (13) 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program-Disadvantaged Status and Reporting (Apr 2008) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323). (14) 52.219-26, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program-Incentive Subcontracting (Oct 2000) (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323). (15) 52.219-27, Notice of Total Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Set-Aside (May 2004) (15 U.S.C. 657 f). (16) 52.219-28, Post Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation (June 2007) (15 U.S.C. 632(a)(2)). X (17) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (June 2003) (E.O. 11755). (18) 52.222-19, Child Labor--Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (Feb 2008) (E.O. 13126). X (19) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999). X (20) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Apr 2002) (E.O. 11246). X (21) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans,

Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans

X (22) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities

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X (23) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans,
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X (25) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Jan 2009).
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                    note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note, Pub. L. 108-77, 108-78, 108-286,
                    109-53 and 109-169.
           (ii) Alternate I (Jan 2004) of 52.225-3.
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       (31) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (Nov 2007) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq.,
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      X (32) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (Jun 2008)
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       (33) 52.226-4, Notice of Disaster or Emergency Area Set-Aside
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                  Emergency Area (Nov 2007) (42 U.S.C. 5150).
      X (35) 52.232-29, Terms for Financing of Purchases of Commercial Items
                  (Feb 2002) (41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
       (36) 52.232-30, Installment Payments for Commercial Items (Oct 1995)
                  (41 U.S.C. 255(f), 10 U.S.C. 2307(f)).
      X (37) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Central
       Contractor Registration (Oct 2003) (31 U.S.C. 3332). (38) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other than
                  Central Contractor Registration (May 1999) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
       (39) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (May 1999)(31 U.S.C. 3332).
       (40) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (Aug 1996) (5 U.S.C.
                 552a).
         (41)
           (i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag
                    Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241(b) and
                    10 U.S.C. 2631).
           (ii) Alternate I (Apr 1984) of 52.247-64.
  (c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial
services, that the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by
reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial
items:
       (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965 (Nov 2007)
                 (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
       (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (May
                1989) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
       (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act-
                Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (May 1989)
                 (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
       (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act-
                Price Adjustment (Feb 2002) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351,
                et seq.).
       (5) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract
                Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of
                Certain Equipment--Requirements (Nov 2007)
                 (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
       (6) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract
                Act to Contracts for Certain Services--Requirements (Feb 2009)
                 (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
       (7) 52.237-11, Accepting and Dispensing of $1 Coin (Aug 2007)
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(Jun 1998) (29 U.S.C. 793).

- (31 U.s.c. 5112(p)(1)).
- (d) Comptroller General Examination of Record. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records-Negotiation.
- (1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor?s directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.
- (2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.
- (3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.
- (1) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in this paragraph (e)(1)in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause--
- (i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (DEC 2008) (Pub. L. 110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 (4 1 U.S.C. 251 note)).
- (ii) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (May 2004) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$550,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.
  - (iii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (Mar 2007) (E.O. 11246).
- (iv) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, Eligible Veterans (Sept 2006) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (v) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (June 1998) (29 U.S.C. 793). (vi) 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (DEC 2004) (E.O. 13201).
  - (vii) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965 (Nov 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.). (viii) 52.222-50, Combating Trafficking in Persons (Feb 2009) (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

Alternate I (Aug 2007) of 52.222-50 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)).

- (ix) 52.222-51, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Maintenance, Calibration, or Repair of Certain Equipment--Requirements (Nov 2007) (41 U.S.C. 351, et
- (x) 52.222-53, Exemption from Application of the Service Contract Act to Contracts for Certain Services--Requirements (Feb 2009) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).
  - (xi) 52.222-54, Employment Eligibility Verification (Jan 2009).
- (xii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241 (b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.
- (2) While not required, the contractor may include in its subcontracts for commercial items a minimal number of additional clauses necessary to satisfy its contractual obligations.

(End of Clause)

52.212-4 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS--COMMERCIAL ITEMS (OCT 2008)

(Reference 52.212-4)

52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998) I. 3

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. The offeror is cautioned that the listed provisions may include blocks that must be completed by the offeror and submitted with its quotation or offer. In lieu of submitting the full text of those provisions, the offeror may identify the provision by paragraph identifier and provide the appropriate information with its quotation or offer. Also, the full text of a solicitation provision may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es): http://www.acquisition.gov/far/index.html for FAR clauses and

http://www.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/clibrary/edar.html for EDAR clauses.

(End of Provision)

## I. 4 52.232-18 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS (APR 1984)

Funds are not presently available for this contract. The Government's obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for this contract and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

(End of Clause)

## SECTION J LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

J. 1 309-la LIST OF ATTACHMENTS (APRIL 1984)

ATTACHMENT A - Statement of Objectives (SOO)

## **SECTION K** REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF OFFERORS

#### K. 1 52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS-COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FEB 2009)

An offeror shall complete only paragraph (b) of this provision if the offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at http://orca.bpn.gov. If an offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at the ORCA website, offeror shall complete only paragraphs (c) through (m) of this provision.

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision--

"Emerging small business" means a small business concern whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the numerical size standard for the NAICS code designated.

"Forced or indentured child labor" means all work or service--

- (1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its
- nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or

  (2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

"Manufactured end product" means any end product in Federal Supply Classes (FSC) 1000-9999, except--

- (1) FSC 5510, Lumber and Related Basic Wood Materials;
- (2) Federal Supply Group (FSG) 87, Agricultural Supplies;

(3) FSG 88, Live Animals;

- (4) FSG 89, Food and Related Consumables;
- (5) FSC 9410, Crude Grades of Plant Materials;
- (6) FSC 9430, Miscellaneous Crude Animal Products, Inedible;
- (7) FSC 9440, Miscellaneous Crude Agricultural and Forestry Products;
- (8) FSC 9610, Ores;
- (9) FSC 9620, Minerals, Natural and Synthetic; and
- (10) FSC 9630, Additive Metal Materials.

"Place of manufacture" means the place where an end product is assembled out of components, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided to the Government. If a product is disassembled and reassembled, the place of reassembly is not the place of manufacture.

"Restricted business operations" means business operations in Sudan that include power production activities, mineral extraction activities, oil-related activities, or the production of military equipment, as those terms are defined in the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007 (Pub. 110-174). Restricted business operations do not include business operations that the person conducting the business can demonstrate--

- (1) Are conducted under contract directly and exclusively with the regional government of southern Sudan;
- (2) Are conducted pursuant to specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of the Treasury, or are expressly exempted under Federal law from the requirement to be conducted under such authorization;

"Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern"--

- (1) Means a small business concern--
- (i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and
- (ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.
- (2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability
- that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

  "Small business concern" means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

"Veteran-owned small business concern" means a small business concern--

- (1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and
- (2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

  "Women-owned business concern" means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women. "Women-owned small business concern" means a small business concern--
- (1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and
  - (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

(b)

- (1) Annual Representations and Certifications. Any changes provided by the offeror in paragraph (b)(2) of this provision do not automatically change the representations and certifications posted on the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website.
- (2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the ORCA website at http://orca.bpn.gov. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications--Commercial Items, have been entered or updated in the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this

solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201), except for paragraphs /\_\_/.

[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (c) through (m) of this provision that the offeror has completed for the purposes of this solicitation only, if any.]

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas. Check all that apply.

- (1) Small business concern. The offeror represents as part of its offer that it /\_/ is, /\_/ is not a small business concern.
- (2) Veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it /\_/ is, /\_/ is not a veteran-owned small business concern.
- (3) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it /\_/ is, /\_/ is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.
- (4) Small disadvantaged business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it /\_/ is, /\_/ is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.
- (5) Women-owned small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it /\_/ is, /\_/ is not a women-owned small business concern.

NOTE: Complete paragraphs (c)(6) and (c)(7) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed

the simplified acquisition threshold.

- (6) Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern). [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it o is a women-owned business
- (7) Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns. If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:
- (8) Small Business Size for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and for the Targeted Industry Categories under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program. [Complete only if the offeror has represented itself to be a small business concern under the size standards for this solicitation.]
- (i) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being set-aside for emerging small businesses in one of the designated industry groups (DIGs).] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it /\_/ is, /\_/ is not an emerging small business.

  (ii) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being for one of the targeted
- industry categories (TICs) or designated industry groups (DIGs).] Offeror represents as follows:

  (A) Offeror?s number of employees for the past 12 months (check the Employees column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of number of employees); or
- (B) Offeror?s average annual gross revenue for the last 3 fiscal years (check the Average Annual Gross Number of Revenues column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of annual receipts).

(Check one of the following):

Number of Employees Average Annual Gross Revenues \_\_ 50 or fewer \_\_ \$1 million or less \_\_ 51-100 \_\_ \$1,000,001-\$2 million \_\_ \$2,000,001-\$3.5 million \_\_ 101-250 \_\_ 251-500 \_\_ \$3,500,001-\$5 million \_\_ \$5,000,001-\$10 million \_\_ 501-750 \_\_ 751-1,000 \_\_ \$10,000,001-\$17 million \_\_ Over 1,000 \_\_ Over \$17 million

- (9) [Complete only if the solicitation contains the clause at FAR 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, or FAR 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program--Disadvantaged Status and Reporting, and the offeror desires a benefit based on its disadvantaged status.]
  - (i) General. The offeror represents that either--
- (A) It /\_/ is, /\_/ is not certified by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern and identified, on the date of this representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net), and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification, and, where the concern is owned by one or more individuals claiming disadvantaged status, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); or
- (B) It /\_/ has, /\_/ has not submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.
- (ii) /\_/ Joint Ventures under the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns. The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (c)(9)(i) of this provisi on is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is

participating in the joint venture:\_

- (10) HUBZone small business concern. [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that--
- (i) It  $/_/$  is,  $/_/$  is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR part 126; and
- (ii) It  $/_/$  is,  $/_/$  is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 126, and the representation in paragraph (c)(10)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. [The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture: \_.] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.
  - (d) Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246--
    - (1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that--
- (i) It /\_/ has, /\_/ has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and
  (ii) It /\_/ has, /\_/ has not filed all required compliance reports.

  - (2) "Affirmative Action Compliance." The offeror represents that--
- (i) It /\_/ has developed and has on file, /\_/ has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR Parts 60-1 and 60-2), or
- (ii) It  $/\_/$  has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.
- (e) Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352). (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract. If any registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 have made a lobbying contact on behalf of the offeror with respect to this contract, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its offer, OMB Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to provide the name of the registrants. The offeror need not report regularly employed officers or employees of the offeror to whom payments of reasonable compensation were made.
- (f) Buy American Act Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.225-1, Buy American Act-Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)
- (1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that for other than COTS items, the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products, i.e., an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of "domestic end product," "end product," "foreign end product," and "United States" are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act-Supplies."
  - (2) Foreign End Products: [List as necessary]

Line	Item	No.	Country	of	Origin

- (3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.
- (g) (1) Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-3, Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act, is included in this solicitation.)
- (i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (g)(1)(iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that for other than COTS items, the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The terms "Bahrainian or Moroccan end product," "commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item," "component," "domestic end product," "end product," "foreign end product," "Free Trade Agreement Country," "Free Trade Agreement Country end product," "Israeli emd product," and "United States" are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements-Israeli Trade Act."
- (ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Free Trade Agreement country end products (other than Bahrainian or Moroccan end products) or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act": FREE TRADE AGREEMENT COUNTRY END PRODUCTS (OTHER THAN BAHRAINIAN OR MOROCCAN END PRODUCTS) OR ISRAELI END PRODUCTS:

Line	Item	No.	Country	of	Origin

(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act." The offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products, i.e., an end product that is not a COTS item and does not meet the component test in paragraph (2) of the definition of "domestic end product.". Other Foreign End Products:

Line	Item	No.	Country	of	Origin

- (iv) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.
- (2) Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate I. If Alternate I to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:
- (g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian End Products:

Line Item No.

(3) Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate II. If Alternate  $\widehat{\text{II}}$  to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

Line	Item	No.	Country	of	Origin

- (4) Trade Agreements Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-5, Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)
- (i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(4)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made or designated country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Trade Agreements."
- (ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made or designated country end products.

Other End Products:

Line Item No. | Country of Origin |

- (iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items covered by the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-ade or designated country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.
- (h) Certification Regarding Responsibility Matters (Executive Order 12689)." (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals--
- (1) /\_/ Are, /\_/ are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency;
- (2) /\_/ Have, /\_/ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of
- records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property;
  (3) /\_/ Are, /\_/ are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses enumerated in paragraph (h)(2) of this clause; and
- (4) /\_/ Have, /\_/ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied.

- (i) Taxes are considered delinquent if both of the following criteria apply:
  (A) The tax liability is finally determined. The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge to the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.
- (B) The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment. A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.

(ii) Examples.

- (A) The taxpayer has received a statutory notice of deficiency, under I.R.C. ?6212, which entitles the taxpayer to seek Tax Court review of a proposed tax deficiency. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek Tax Court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.
  - (B) The IRS has filed a notice of Federal tax lien with respect to an assessed tax liability,

and the taxpayer has been issued a notice under I.R.C. ?6320 entitling the taxpayer to request a hearing with the IRS Office of Appeals contesting the lien filing, and to further appeal to the Tax Court if the IRS determines to sustain the lien filing. In the course of the hearing, the taxpayer is entitled to contest the underlying tax liability because the taxpayer has had no prior opportunity to contest the liability. This is not a delinquent tax because it is not a final tax liability. Should the taxpayer seek tax court review, this will not be a final tax liability until the taxpayer has exercised all judicial appeal rights.

(C) The taxpayer has entered into an installment agreement pursuant to I.R.C. ?6159. The taxpayer is making timely payments and is in full compliance with the agreement terms. The taxpayer is

not delinquent because the taxpayer is not currently required to make full payment.

(D) The taxpayer has filed for bankruptcy protection. The taxpayer is not delinquent because enforced collection action is stayed under 11 U.S.C. ?362 (the Bankruptcy Code).

(i) Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for "Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126).'

(1) "Listed end products."

(2) "Certification."

- /\_/ (i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision
- that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. /\_/ (ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.
- (j) Place of manufacture. (Does not apply unless the solicitation is predominantly for the acquisition of manufactured end products.) For statistical purposes only, the offeror shall indicate whether the place of manufacture of the end products it expects to provide in response to this solicitation is predominantly--
- $/_/$  (1) In the United States (Check this box if the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured in the United States exceeds the total anticipated price of offered end products manufactured outside the United States); or
  - /\_/ (2) Outside the United States.
- (k) Certificates regarding exemptions from the application of the Service Contract Act. (Certification by the offeror as to its compliance with respect to the contract also constitutes its certification as to compliance by its subcontractor if it subcontracts out the exempt services.)
- (1) Maintenance, calibration, or repair of certain equipment as described in FAR 22.1003-4(c)(1). The offeror /\_/ does /\_/ does not certify that--
- (i) The items of equipment to be serviced under this contract are used regularly for other than Governmental purposes and are sold or traded by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) in substantial quantities to the general public in the course of normal business operations;
- (ii) The services will be furnished at prices which are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR 22.1003-4(c)(2)(ii)) for the maintenance, calibration, or repair of such equipment; and
- (iii) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract will be the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees
- servicing the same equipment of commercial customers.

  (2) Certain services as described in FAR 22.1003-4(d)(1). The offeror /\_/ does /\_/ does not certify
- (i) The services under the contract are offered and sold regularly to non-Governmental customers, and are provided by the offeror (or subcontractor in the case of an exempt subcontract) to the general public in substantial quantities in the course of normal business operations;
- (ii) The contract services will be furnished at prices that are, or are based on, established catalog or market prices (see FAR 22.1003-4(d)(2)(iii));

- (iii) Each service employee who will perform the services under the contract will spend only a small portion of his or her time (a monthly average of less than 20 percent of the available hours on an annualized basis, or less than 20 percent of available hours during the contract period if the contract period is less than a month) servicing the Government contract; and
- (iv) The compensation (wage and fringe benefits) plan for all service employees performing work under the contract is the same as that used for these employees and equivalent employees servicing commercial customers.
  - (3) If paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause applies--
- (i) If the offeror does not certify to the conditions in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) and the Contracting Officer did not attach a Service Contract Act wage determination to the solicitation, the offeror shall notify the Contracting Officer as soon as possible; and
- (ii) The Contracting Officer may not make an award to the offeror if the offeror fails to execute the certification in paragraph (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this clause or to contact the Contracting Officer as required in paragraph (k)(3)(i) of this clause.
- (1) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)
- (1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (1)(3) through (1)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- (2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror?s relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror?s TIN.

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(3) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
    /_/ TIN:
    _{-}^{-} TIN has been applied for.
    /_/ TIN is not required because:
    /_/ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with
         the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does
         not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent
         in the United States;
    /_/ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government; /_/ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.
(4) Type of organization.
    /_/ Sole proprietorship;
    /_/ Partnership;
    /_/ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);
    /_/ Corporate entity (tax-exempt);
/_/ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
     /_/ Foreign government;
     /_/ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
     /_/ Other _
(5) Common parent.
    /_/ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;
     /_/ Name and TIN of common parent:
    Name ____.
    TIN
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### K. 2 307-17a CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION (AUG 2007)

- (A) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, by signing the form in this clause, certifies that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational or personal conflict of interest, (see FAR Subpart 9.5 for organizational conflicts of interest) (or apparent conflict of interest), for the organization or any of its staff, and that the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has disclosed all such relevant information if such a conflict of interest appears to exist to a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts (or if such a person would question the impartiality of the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant). Conflicts may arise in the following situations:
- 1. Unequal access to information # a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has access to non-public information through its performance on a government contract.
- 2. Biased ground rules # a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant has worked, in one government contract, or program, on the basic structure or ground rules of another government contract,
- 3. Impaired objectivity # a potential contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant, or member of their immediate family (spouse, parent or child) has financial or other interests that would impair, or give the appearance of impairing, impartial judgment in the evaluation of government programs, in offering advice or recommendations to the government, or in providing technical assistance or other services to recipients of Federal funds as part of its contractual responsibility. "Impaired objectivity" includes but is not limited to the following situations that would cause a reasonable person with knowledge of the relevant facts to question a person's objectivity: - financial interests or reasonably foreseeable financial interests in or in connection with products, property, or services that may be purchased by an educational agency, a person, organization, or institution in the course of implementing any program administered by the Department; - significant connections to teaching methodologies or approaches that might require or encourage the use of specific products, property or services; or - significant identification with pedagogical or philosophical viewpoints that might require or encourage the use of a specific curriculum, specific products, property or services. Offerors must provide the disclosure described above on any actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) regardless of their opinion that such a conflict or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) would not impair their objectivity. In a case in which an actual or potential conflict (or apparent conflict of interest) is disclosed, the Department will take appropriate actions to eliminate or address the actual or potential conflict, including but not limited to mitigating or neutralizing the conflict, when appropriate, through such means as ensuring a balance of views, disclosure with the appropriate disclaimers, or by restricting or modifying the work to be performed to avoid or reduce the conflict. In this clause , the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest. (B) The contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees that if "impaired objectivity", or an actual or potential conflict of interest (or apparent conflict of interest) is discovered after the award is made, it will make a full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer. This disclosure
- conflict (or apparent conflict of interest).

  (C) Remedies The Government may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. If the Contractor was aware of a potential conflict of interest prior to award or discovered an actual or potential conflict after award and did not disclose or misrepresented relevant information to the Contracting Officer, the Government may terminate the contract for default, or pursue such other remedies as may be

shall include a description of actions that the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Contracting Officer, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential

permitted by law or this contract. These remedies include imprisonment for up to five years for violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1001 and fines of up to \$5000 for violation of Title 31, U.S. Code, Section 3802. Further remedies include suspension or debarment from contracting with the federal government. The Contractor may also be required to reimburse the Department for costs the Department incurs arising from activities related to conflicts of interest. An example of such costs would be those incurred in processing Freedom of Information Act requests related to a conflict of interest.

(D) In cases where remedies short of termination have been applied, the contractor, subcontractor, employee or consultant agrees to eliminate the organizational conflict of interest, or mitigate it to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer.
(E) The Contractor further agrees to insert in any subcontract or consultant agreement hereunder,

provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including specific mention of potential remedies and this paragraph (E).

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belief, there are no present or cu otherwise) relating to the work to for Proposal No that apparent conflicts of interest) (imparents, children) that would imparently objective assistance or advice or clause, the term "potential confliction further certifies that it has and other contracts or the confliction of the confliction	rrently planned interests (finar be performed under the contract would create any actual or potencluding conflicts of interest finge on its ability to render impresult in it being given an unfact means reasonably foreseeable will continue to exercise due di	for immediate family members: spouses,
Offeror's Name		-
RFP/Contract No		-
Signature		-
Title		-

# SECTION L INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO OFFERORS

### L. 1 311-6 CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS (APRIL 1998)

Offerors must submit all clarification questions concerning this solicitation in writing to the contract specialist. Questions may be submitted via E-Mail, fax or regular mail to:

Gabriella.Mcdonald@ed.gov AND Sherese.Lewis@ed.gov (SUBMITTALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY E-MAIL ONLY) ED will accept clarification questions until 12:00 p.m. (EST) on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. After this date ED

does not guarantee that a response will be given.

Oral explanations or instructions given by the Government before the award of the contract(s) shall not be binding. Any information given to a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective offerors as an amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting offers or if a lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective offerors.

#### L. 2 311-3 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS (MARCH 1986)

Proposals which merely offer to conduct a program in accordance with the requirements of the Government's scope of work will not be eligible for award. You must submit an explanation of the proposed technical approach in conjunction with the tasks to be performed in achieving the project objectives. A detailed work plan must be submitted indicating how each aspect of the statement of work is to be accomplished. Your technical approach should be in as much detail as you consider necessary to fully explain your proposed technical approach or method. The technical proposal should reflect a clear understanding of the nature of the work being undertaken. The technical proposal must include information on how the project is to be organized, staffed, and managed. Information should be provided which will demonstrate your understanding and management of important events or tasks. must explain how the management and coordination of consultant and/or subcontractor efforts will be accomplished. The technical proposal must include a list of names and proposed duties of the professional personnel, consultants, and key subcontractor employees assigned to the project. resumes should be included and should contain information on education, background, recent experience, and specific requirement related or technical accomplishments. The approximate percentage of time each individual will be available for this project must be included. The proposed staff hours for each of the above individuals should be allocated against each task or subtask for the project. The technical proposal must provide the general background, experience, and qualifications of the organization. Similar or related contracts, subcontracts, or grants should be included and contain the name of the customer, contract or grant number, dollar amount, time of performance, and the names and telephone numbers of the project officer and contracting/grants officer. The technical proposal must contain a discussion of present or proposed facilities and equipment which will be used in the performance of the contract. The technical proposal must be prepared and submitted in the following format: The Offeror shall follow the proposed format and content detailed below:

The technical proposal shall be in narrative form with a font no smaller than 12 point, single spaced with 1" margins, on standard 8.5" x 11" paper, with page numbers at the bottom of each page. Printing shall be on one side only in Portrait style. Graphs, charts, or tables used to provide clarity to the proposal may be depicted in Landscape style.

Volume I. Technical Proposal

The technical proposal shall include the following sections.

- 1. Abstract. The abstract summary should provide the proposal's contents in language understandable to an informed layperson. It shall highlight salient features of the proposal including a description of the approach and plans toward satisfying the requirements of the Statement of Objectives. The abstract shall indicate full acceptance of the solicitation requirements or specify and exceptions.
- 2. Cover Page. The cover page shall include the project title, name, and contract information of the Offeror's authorized official for contract administration, and the name and contact information for the Offeror's negotiators for the technical proposal.
- 3. Table of Contents. The Table of Contents should provide a clear guide to the organization of the proposal, including page number references.
- 4. Introduction. The Introduction should briefly provide an impression of the Offeror's general

understanding of the tasks and approach to accomplishing them.

Section 1. Methodology and Management

This section shall address the methodology that will be used to achieve the tasks outlined in the SOO along with the qualifications of personnel and the allocation of resources.

Section 1.1 Technical Approach

This section shall include a step-by-step Performance Work Statement that identifies how the tasks set forth in the scope will be accomplished. Each Offeror shall include the name(s) of staff to be assigned to each task and the number of hours proposed for each staff member for each task.

Section 1.2 Management Plan and Staff Qualifications

This section shall include an overall management plan for the project that describes organizational resources and management controls to be employed to ensure the successful completion of each task. In addition, the complete resumes for each staff member assigned to this project including education, background, recent experience, and specific requirement related or technical accomplishments.

Section 1.3 Organizational Experience

This section shall include evidence of the experience and capabilities of the organization with similar projects or contracts, in terms of the nature and objectives of the project or contract; types of activities performed; project management skills, studies conducted; and major reports produced.

Section 2. Past Performance

The Offeror shall describe contracts relevant past and current knowledge and experiences related to tasks outlined in the SOO.

The Offeror shall identify a minimum of three contracts and/or subcontracts completed during the past three years and all contracts and subcontracts currently in process. Contracts identified may include those entered into with the federal government, local or state government, or commercial customers. The offeror that are newly formed entities without prior contracts should identify contracts and subcontracts as required for all key personnel. The following information shall be listed for each contract and subcontract:

- 1. Name of Contracting Activity
- 2. Contract Number
- 3. Contract Type
- 4. Total Contract Value
- 5. Description of Effort Performed
- 5. Contracting Officer's Name, Telephone Number and E:mail Address.
- 7. Program Manager's Name, Telephone Number and E:mail Address.
- 8. Administrative Contracting Officer's Name and Telephone Number and E:mail Address.
- 9. List of Major Subcontractors.

Th Offeror shall provide any information on problems encountered on the listed contracts and subcontracts and corrective actions taken to resolve those problems.

The Offeror may describe any quality awards or certifications that indicate the offeror produced high-quality services. The offeror shall describe the segment of the company, institution, or organization that received the award or certification and when it was bestowed. If the award or certification is more than three years old, the offeror shall present evidence that the qualifications still apply.

Note: Please ensure that names, phone numbers, and email addresses are current when submitting information for Items 6, 7, and 8 under Past Performance above.

- L. 3 52.212-1 INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS--COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JUN 2008)
- (a) "North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code and small business size standard." The NAICS code and small business size standard for this acquisition appear in Block 10 of the solicitation cover sheet (SF 1449). However, the small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, but which proposes to furnish an item which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.
- (b) "Submission of offers." Submit signed and dated offers to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. Offers may be submitted on the SF 1449, letterhead stationery, or as otherwise specified in the solicitation. As a minimum, offers must show--
  - (1) The solicitation number;
  - (2) The time specified in the solicitation for receipt of offers;
  - (3) The name, address, and telephone number of the offeror;
- (4) A technical description of the items being offered in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary;
  - (5) Terms of any express warranty;
  - (6) Price and any discount terms;
  - (7) "Remit to" address, if different than mailing address;

- (8) A completed copy of the representations and certifications at FAR 52.212-3 (see FAR 52.212-3(b) for those representations and certifications that the offeror shall complete electronically);
  - (9) Acknowledgment of Solicitation Amendments;
- (10) Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including contract numbers, points of contact with telephone numbers and other relevant information); and
- (11) If the offer is not submitted on the SF 1449, include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation. Offers that fail to furnish required representations or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.
- (c) "Period for acceptance of offers." The offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 30 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.
- (d) "Product samples." When required by the solicitation, product samples shall be submitted at or prior to the time specified for receipt of offers. Unless otherwise specified in this solicitation, these samples shall be submitted at no expense to the Government, and returned at the sender?s request and expense, unless they are destroyed during preaward testing.
- (e) "Multiple offers." Offerors are encouraged to submit multiple offers presenting alternative terms and conditions or commercial items for satisfying the requirements of this solicitation. Each offer submitted will be evaluated separately.
  - (f) "Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of offers."
- (1) Offerors are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that offers or revisions are due.
- (i) Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and --
- (A) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of offers; or
- (B) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government?s control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or
  - (C) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, it was the only proposal received.
- (ii) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer, that makes its terms more
- favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

  (3) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the offer wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.
- (4) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of offers by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.
- (5) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers. Oral offers in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers, subject to the conditions specified in the solicitation concerning facsimile offers. An offer may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for receipt of offers, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer.
- (g) "Contract award (not applicable to Invitation for Bids)." The Government intends to evaluate offers and award a contract without discussions with offerors. Therefore, the offeror?s initial offer should contain the offeror?s best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary. The Government may reject any or all offers if such action is in the public interest; accept other than the lowest offer; and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.
- (h)" Multiple awards." The Government may accept any item or group of items of an offer, unless the offeror qualifies the offer by specific limitations. Unless otherwise provided in the Schedule, offers may not be submitted for quantities less than those specified. The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the offer.
  - (i) "Availability of requirements documents cited in the solicitation."
- (i) The GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions, FPMR Part 101-29, and copies of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained for a fee by submitting a request to--

GSA Federal Supply Service Specifications Section

Suite 8100

470 East L''Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, DC 20407 Telephone (202) 619-8925

Facsimile (202) 619-8978.

- (ii) If the General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Veterans Affairs issued this solicitation, a single copy of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained free of charge by submitting a request to the addressee in paragraph (i)(1)(i) of this provision. Additional copies will be issued for a fee.
- (2) Most unclassified Defense specifications and standards may be downloaded from the following ASSIST websites:

(i) ASSIST (http://assist.daps.dla.mil).

(ii) Quick Search (http://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch).

(iii) ASSISTdocs.com (http://assistdocs.com).

(3) Documents not available from ASSIST may be ordered from the Department of Defense Single Stock Point (DoDSSP) by--

(i) Using the ASSIST Shopping Wizard (http://assist.daps.dla.mil/wizard);

(ii) Phoning the DoDSSP Customer Service Desk (215) 697-2179, Mon-Fri, 0730 to 1600 EST; or (iii) Ordering from DoDSSP, Building 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Telephone (215) 697-2667/2179, Facsimile (215) 697-1462.

(4) Nongovernment (voluntary) standards must be obtained from the organization responsible for

their preparation, publication, or maintenance.

- (j) "Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number." (Applies to all offers exceeding \$3,000, and offers of \$3,000 or less if the solicitation requires the Contractor to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation "DUNS" or "DUNS+4" followed by the DUNS or DUNS+4 number that identifies the offeror?s name and address. The DUNS+4 is the DUNS number plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned at the discretion of the offeror to establish additional CCR records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (see FAR Subpart 32.11) for the same concern. If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet directly to obtain one. An offeror within the United States may contact Dun and Bradstreet by calling 1-866-705-5711 or via the internet at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform. An offeror located outside the United States must contact the local Dun and Bradstreet office for a DUNS number. The offeror should indicate that it is an offeror for a Government contract when contacting the local Dun and Bradstreet office.
- (k) "Central Contractor Registration." Unless exempted by an addendum to this solicitation, by submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the CCR database prior to award, during performance and through final payment of any contract resulting from this solicitation. If the Offeror does not become registered in the CCR database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror. Offerors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via the internet at http://www.ccr.gov or by calling 1-888-227-2423 or 269-961-5757.
- (1) "Debriefing." If a post-award debriefing is given to requesting offerors, the Government shall disclose the following information, if applicable:
- (1) The agency?s evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed offeror?s offer.
- (2) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and the debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.
- (3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.
  - (4) A summary of the rationale for award;
- (5) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.
- (6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed offeror as to whether source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed by the agency.

(End of Provision)

### L. 4 GENERAL PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

The proposal shall consist of two parts:

Volume I - Technical Proposal and Volume II - Business Proposal

Each of the parts shall be separate and complete so that evaluation of one maybe accomplished independently of evaluation of the other. Price information must be restricted to the business proposal only.

Page Limitations. The maximum page limits for the required volumes are as follows: Technical Proposal - 20 pages; Business Proposal - no limit. Resumes, charts, and graphs will not count against the 20 page limit for Technical Proposals.

Terms. The term Statement of Work (SOW) is interchangeable with Statement of Objectives (SOO) throughout this solicitation. At time of award the SOO will be replaced with the Performance Work Statement (PWS).

#### L. 5 BUSINESS PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Government anticipates a Firm Fixed-Price contract. Offerors shall submit pricing based on commercial pricing practices.

The Business Proposal shall include a firm fixed price for the entire contract period. Offerors are encouraged to propose a Milestone Payment Schedule.

Offerors shall submit adequate data to allow a complete price analysis. Price information shall only be included in Volume II of the submission. Prices will be evaluated but not scored. It is required that your proposal contain detailed information in order to determine that prices are reasonable. Offerors are expected to use their best business judgment in submitting the necessary information. The Contracting Officer can reject an Offeror's proposal if prices are determined unreasonable.

\* Conflict of Interest Plan - The Offeror shall submit a Conflict of Interest Plan, providing details on its policies and procedures to identify and avoid potential organizational or personal conflicts of interest (or apparent conflicts of interest). The Plan should also address procedures taken to neutralize or mitigate such conflicts, if they have not been or cannot be avoided. The Plan should indicate that such policies and procedures are operative throughout the period of performance of the contract. The policies should address, at a minimum, gifts, outside activities financial interests, or other significant connections or identifications that would establish, or give the appearance of establishing, a conflict of interest. A method for periodically reviewing financial interests of employees, subcontractors and consultants, and their immediate families, in order to assess actual or apparent conflicts of interest should be included in the plan. In this clause, the term "potential conflict" means reasonably foreseeable conflict of interest.

The thoroughness, completeness and effectiveness of the Plan shall be evaluated as part of the Offeror's overall proposal. The Plan will be incorporated into the contract or task order awarded to the successful Offeror. The Offeror shall complete the Conflict of Interest Certificate contained within Section K of this solicitation.

# SECTION M EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

#### M. 1 52.212-2 EVALUATION--COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 1999)

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers: The first three technical factors under Methodology and Management: A. Technical Approach, B. Management Plan and Personnel Qualifications, and C. Organizational Experience are listed in the order of their importance and when combined are more important than Past Performance. When Methodology and Management and Past Performance are combined they are more important than Price. As technical merit becomes more equal as determined through the evaluation of methodology and management and past performance, price may be the determining factor.

### Methodology and Management

The Offeror's Methodology and Management will be evaluated by the extent to which the Offeror provides a detailed description of how the work will be performed. The following elements will be considered when evaluating Methodology and Management:

- A. Technical Approach The following sub-factors 1 through 4 are listed in order of importance; however, sub-factors three (3) and four (4) are of equal value.
- 1. Understanding of the work, including creativity and thoroughness shown in understanding the objectives of the SOO (Section C) and specific tasks, and planned execution of the project.
- 2. Evidence of specific methods, techniques, and timelines for completing each discrete task, to include such items as quality control and customer-service.
- 3. Ability to address anticipated potential problem areas, and creativity and feasibility of solutions to problems and future integration of new processes and technology enhancements.
- 4. Degree to which the Offeror's proposal demonstrates an understanding of logistics, schedule, and any other miscellaneous issues in which the Government should be aware.
- B. Management Plan and Personnel Qualifications The following sub-factors 1 through 5 are listed in order of importance; however, sub-factors two (2) and three (3) are of equal value.
- 1. An overall management plan for the project that describes organizational resources and management controls to be employed to ensure quality control, change control, and risk management.
- 2. Quality and demonstrated effectiveness of the proposed management and senior technical and analysis staff to work effectively as a team and complete projects on time and complete projects on time and within budget.
- 3. Quality and effectiveness of the allocation of personnel and resources.
- 4. The currency, quality and depth of education and experience of individual personnel in working on similar projects. Similar projects must convey similarity in topic, dollar value, workload, duration, and complexity.
- 5. The quality and appropriateness of the Offeror's performance standards for any subcontracting activities (if applicable), and the controls to be used to assure accountability by any subcontractor.
- C. Organizational Experience The following sub-factors are equal in importance.
- 1. Evidence that the organization has current capabilities; and for assuring performance of this requirement. Evidence of supporting subcontractors, consultants and business partners will be considered.
- 2. Appropriate mix and balance of education and training of team members.

Past Performance - The following sub-factors are listed in order of importance. The Government will evaluate the Offeror's recent and relevant past performance. Recent is defined as within the last three years. Relevant is defined as work similar in complexity and magnitude of the work described in this Statement of Objectives. The Government may also consider information obtained through other sources. Past performance information will be utilized to determine the quality of the contractor's past performance as it relates to the probability of success of the required effort. The following elements will be considered when evaluating past performance:

- 1. The organization's specific past performance on prior similar efforts specified within this SOO.

  2. The organizations history of successful completion of projects; history of producing high-quality
- 2. The organizations history of successful completion of projects; history of producing high-quality reports and other deliverables; history of staying on schedule and within budget.
- 3. The quality of cooperation (with each other) of key individuals within your organization, and quality of cooperation and performance between your organization and its clients.

#### Price

The business proposals shall be evaluated for completeness, and reasonableness. The results of the price evaluation shall be considered in performing an integrated assessment leading to selection of a successful Offeror. Unrealistically low prices may be grounds for eliminating a proposal from competition on the basis that the Offeror does not understand the requirements. Evaluation of the proposed price by the Government is to determine that the proposed price is valid, realistic, and consistent with the Offeror's technical proposal.

Technical and past performance, when combined, are considered to be more important than price. The Government's objective is to obtain the highest technical quality considered necessary to achieve the project objectives, with a realistic and reasonable cost.

(b) "Options." The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer

is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

(End of Provision)